

RESOLUTION 20-120

Testimony

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The Honorable Ron Mentor, Chair
and Committee members
Committee on Zoning, Planning and Housing
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, 2nd Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Mentor and Council Members:

RE: Resolution 20-120 Amending the Downtown Neighborhood
Transit-Oriented Development Plan

Mahalo Nui Loa for this opportunity to submit my support of the Resolution 20-120 Amending the Downtown Neighborhood Transit-Oriented Development Plan.

My name is Jackson Nakasone, a concerned citizen who have no financial interest in the Liliha, Vineyard corridor, except to see this area thrive for those families who cannot afford our high-priced homes and equally high rental markets.

Succinctly, the "Resolution" allows for the future planning and redevelopment of the Liliha, Vineyard area allowing height up to 400' feet, and a greater Floor Area ratio. The reason behind our support is being raised in the neighborhood, back in the 50's and 60's this area was one of the first areas to see support for those that worked in the area and surrounding areas that made it convenient.

With this modification the ordinance when passed will give greater flexibility to the growth of the population near the Rail system, the anticipated heavier use of the rail system, and add vitality to an area that is depressed. Palama Settlement our neighbor was granted a greater Floor Area Ratio and a height of 400 ft. with this in mind.

I do not want to belabor the benefits of the decision to accept Resolution 20-120 further accept to say as a private citizen, I strongly support the passing of this proposed ordinance.

Aloha and MAHALO NUI LOA!